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When we consider how difficult it sometimes is, even in the present day, to discover if necessary the remains of some deceased person, when in all the civilized States (except Canada) the Government insists upon registration of all births, marriages and deaths, it is really marvellous to hear that in those days they found not only the bones but also the clothes of saints who had been executed as criminals, and had been buried anywhere like dogs; but what is more wonderful than all, is the fact that, of some saints, so many parts were found that, if put together, several complete skeletons could have been made. For instance, there are two complete skeletons of St. Dionysius—one in St. Denis, France, another in St. Emmerau, in Germany; whilst Prague and Bamberg each possess one of his heads, and Munich a spare hand, so that this saint had two complete bodies, five hands, and four heads.

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